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Regarding: Leslie E. Smith et al.
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For FORMATION OF WIDE PAINT FILM PARTS

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Request for Reconsideration of Decision on Petition

Attention: Technology Center 1700
Jacqueline M. Stone, Director

Commissioner for Patents, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450:

I certify that this correspondence is facsimile-transmitted to the Patent and Trademark Office (571 273 8300) on 23 FEB 2006:

Christopher John Rudy Christopher John Rudy 23 FEB 2006.

Thank you for the DECISION ON PETITION nominally mailed 2-1-06 (postmarked FEB 02 2006) herefor. Please reconsider.

The DECISION ON PETITION is in serious error.

The product required by the language of claims 32-35 is of drawn or stretched laminated paint film sheet stock, and is wider than the starting stock. No prior art shows this. Note, the specification at page 1, lines 18-15, especially lines 24-25:

"[M]any wide products, for example, tonneau covers, cannot be made with prior paint film technology."

A painted tonneau cover, for example, if made by prior art would require painting after it was formed. This is a hazard the present invention avoids. See, the present specification in the sentence bridging pages 2-3. Such a painted cover would not have a paint film laminate. Paint is not the same as paint film, and the articles made with these things thus differ in substance.

Extrusion will not work nor suffice as the Examiners contend.

Every limitation must be considered in article claims 32-35.

The product as claimed cannot be made by another, materially different process. Thus, MPEP 806.05(f)(B) is not satisfied.

Please, therefore, instruct the Examiners to withdraw the restriction requirement of claims 32-35 and examine these claims.

Respectfully,

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